

“How to recognize God’s voice”

Various Scriptures

Impression: The way in which you as a Christian, seeking God’s will in prayer (and sometimes when you are not praying), have the Holy spirit communicate spiritual feelings to your own human spirit. This then reveals God’s will to your mind.

Three reasons Christians can’t hear God’s voice:

1. They think that prayer is a one-sided conversation.
2. Their lives are too loud.
3. They doubt that what they are hearing is really the Lord, so they ignore it.

“There is a way that seems right to a man, but in the end it leads to death.” Proverbs 14:12

“And no wonder, for Satan himself masquerades as an angel of light.” 2 Corinthians 11:14

“For God does speak—now one way, now another— though man may not perceive it.” Job 33:14

“Don’t always believe everything you hear just because someone says it is a message from God; test it first to see if it really is!” 1 John 4:1

7 ways to test as to whether a leading is from God or not:

1. Bible test

Principle: God’s voice will never contradict His written word.

“Heaven and earth will pass away but my words will never pass away.” Luke 21:23

2. Jesus test

“In your lives you must think and act like Jesus Christ.” Philippians 2:5

“If you harbor bitter envy and selfish ambition...such ‘wisdom’ doesn’t come from heaven.....but is of the devil. The wisdom that comes from God is...pure, peace loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy, impartial and sincere.” James 3:14-17

3. Church test

“God’s intent is that through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known.” Ephesians 3:10

“The wisdom of the righteous can save you.” Proverbs 11:9

4. Purpose test

“We are God’s workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works which God prepared in advance for us to do.” Ephesians 2:10

5. Responsibility test

“We will all be judged one day, not by each other’s standards, or even our own, but by the judgment of god.....it is to God alone that we shall have to answer for our actions.” Romans 14:10, 13

3 qualifications for knowing God is speaking to you about other people:

1. God will use you to confirm what he’s already said to them.
2. If God speaks to you to help somebody else, he’ll usually do it without your knowing it.
3. Trust God to speak to that person first before you talk to them.

6. Conviction test

“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us from all unrighteousness” I John 1:9

“Satan is the accuser of believers” Revelation 12:10

Conviction from God – “You’ve sinned”

Condemnation from Satan – “You’re worthless”

7. Peace test

“God is not the author of confusion.” 1 Corinthians 14:33

“Let the peace of God rule in your hearts.” Colossians 3:15

Principle: The secret of hearing God is getting to know him better and better each day.

How can you listen to God?

1. By being still

2. By inviting God to speak to you

“Lord, I invite you to speak to me by your Holy Spirit.”

3. By expecting God to speak to you